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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : HEINZ LIENHARD ET AL.  
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In furtherance to the personal interview held with Examiner Kuo Liang J. Tang on November 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.